Allotment of petrol pumps to widows of Defence Personnel and disabled soldiers

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Government's scheme to allot petrol pumps to widows of Defence Personnel and disabled soldiers has failed to yield desired results due to refusal to give land and NOC, by State Governments for setting up the petrol pumps;

(b) if so, the details of such pending cases including the number of persons to whom the letter of intent has been issued by the petroleum companies and the reasons for the refusal to allot land and issuing NOCs; and

(c) the steps being considered to assure them a dignified life by implementing the scheme properly?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Under a Special Scheme for allotment of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships to the widows/next of kin of the Defence Personnel killed in action in 'OP Vijay' (Kargil), allotments are made by the Union Government on the basis of recommendations received from the Directorate General Resettlement, Ministry of Defence and the feasibility of the locations is verified by the Oil Industry. Out of a total of 265 cases of retail outlet dealerships as on 1.4.2002, commissioning has been completed in 141 cases. Only 50 cases are pending for want of land and 13 cases for NOCs, etc. from the State Governments/Land owning agencies. The State-wise details of cases of retail outlet dealerships allotted under the Special Scheme pending with the State Government for allotment of land/NOCs are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

Retail outlet dealerships are allotted to widows of Defence Personnel and disabled Defence Personnel also under the Marketing Plans of the Oil Industry in which 8% of the dealerships are reserved

for the Defence Category. Selection of delers for these dealerships are made through the Dealer Selection Boards. As on 1.4.2002, only 11 cases were pending for want of land. In the last three years i.e. from 1.4.1999, 96 cases have been commissioned. The State-wise details of cases of retail outlet dealerships allotted under the Defence Category at locations included in the Retail Outlet Marketing Plans of the Oil Industry, which are pending with the State Governments for allotment of land/issue of NOCs are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

The Officers of the Oil Companies and Union Government have been pursuing with the State Government the matter of expeditious allotment of land for the retail outlet dealerships and issue of NOCs from time to time.

Statement-I

Retail outlet dealerships allotted under the Special Scheme for Allotment of Retail Outlet dealerships/LPG Distributorships to Widows/Next of kin of Defence Personnel killed in Action in 'OP VIJAY' (KARGIL)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of cases of retail outlet dealerships pending with the State Governments/Land owning agencies for allotment of land, etc.
1.	Gujarat	1
2.	Haryana	3
3.	Himachal Pradesh	3
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	4

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of cases of retail outlet dealerships pending with the State Governments/Land owning agencies for allotment of land, etc.
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1
6.	Maharashtra	1
7.	Manipur	2
8.	Orissa	2
9.	Punjab	6
10.	Rajasthan	6
11.	Uttar Pradesh	7
12.	Uttaranchal	11
13.	West Bengal	1
14.	Bihar	1
15.	Nagaland	1
	TOTAL:	50

Statement-II

Retail outlet dealerships allotted under the Defence Category at Locations included in the Retail Outlet Marketing Plans of the Oil Industry

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of cases of retail outlet dealerships pending with the State Governments/ Land owning agencies for allotment of land, etc.
1.	Delhi	4
2.	Punjab	1
3.	Uttar Pradesh	4
4.	Uttaranchal	2
	TOTAL:	11